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1. I SPOKE TO FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) AND HE TOO REGRETS THE DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. HE SAID HE IS NOT ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS UNTIL MID-AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, AND ALREADY HAS COMMITMENTS UNTIL 6:30 P.M. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE AND THE SECRETARY MEET AT 6:45 P.M. THAT DAY. I TRIED TO STEER HIM TO A TIME EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON OR EVEN TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS EARLIER IN THE DAY, BUT HE WAS NOT RECEPTIVE.

2. HE ASKED ME TO PROPOSE THE 6:45 P.M. MEETING TIME AND LET HIM KNOW MONDAY, IF POSSIBLE, IF THAT WOULD BE AGREEABLE. I GAVE HIM NO REASON TO ANTICIPATE THAT IT WOULD BE, INDICATING MY IMPRESSION THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WAS ALREADY JAMMED.
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